

June 2018 Newsletter

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Dates to remember

Fish & Chip Quiz
Friday 15th June

Sports Day
Tuesday 26th June 2018

Picnic week
Monday 2nd – Friday 6th July 2018

Summer Outing
Tuesday 3rd July 2018

End of term Party
Tuesday 24th July 2018
No preschool session on this day

More details to follow on these dates.

What are we up to.....

Welcome back, we hope you had a good half term break. Over the coming weeks you will be invited to see your child's key person to talk about your child's progress and stay and play if you wish.

There are lots of other ways you can join in the fun at preschool this term too with Sports Day, Picnic week, our summer outing and our end of term party. Please make a note of the dates so you don't miss out.

New Staff

We are pleased to issue a belated welcome to Connie Kitchen, who joined our team in May. Connie has been thrown in at the deep end but is proving a great addition to the team. She has commenced training for her level 3 childcare qualification and we wish her well in her studies. We are hoping to confirm the appointment of another member of staff shortly too.

School Dinners

The cost of school dinners is £2.30. If you would like a hot school dinner for your child we can order it from the school.

You will need to order the dinner the day before either by letting us know or informing the school office.

Payment must be received in advance to secure the dinner.

A menu will be available in preschool.

Soft Toys wanted

The preschool committee are looking for any unwanted soft toys in good condition for their stall at the Primary School summer Fete on Saturday 23rd June. If you can help and would like to donate some soft toys please bring them into preschool. Thank you.

Polite request

Please could we ask that parents and carers do not private message any members of staff using apps such as Whatsapp and Messenger. If you need to contact the preschool staff please email, telephone or use the preschool mobile number. Facebook messenger may be used only when contacting the Beetley & District Preschool Page. Private messaging can leave staff members vulnerable to confidentiality issues which could result in disciplinary procedures.

Thank you for your understanding.

Sports Day

This is being held on Tuesday 26th June commencing at 1.30pm. All parents, carers and children who don't attend on a Tuesday and 2-3 club children are welcome to join us. Please meet on the top school field next to the school car park on Fakenham Road at 1.30pm.

Picnic Week

As is our tradition here at preschool, we have a week of picnics held last year in the flower meadow of the main school. This will be repeated this year commencing on Monday 2nd July – Friday 6th July. On these days the children attending will make their own sandwiches in the morning, **children who normally have hot school dinner will be making their own lunch along with their friends and will not need a hot school dinner this week.** If any parents/carers wish to join us for a picnic lunch please meet us at the preschool at 12 noon on each day. **If possible, those children who are normally**

picked up at 1pm on a Tuesday we would like to extend their day by half an hour so they can join in the fun. Please note that Tuesday 3rd July is the outing to Sandringham.

Preschool Outing

Hopefully by now you will all have received a letter regarding the preschool outing to Sandringham Country Park. If you haven't already returned your form, please do so as soon as possible. For those traveling by coach, we are hoping to leave preschool at about 9.30am and return by 3pm. Any queries please speak to Di or Emma. Thank you.

Payments

Payments can be made by cash, cheque or BACS payment. For cash and cheque payments, please continue to put them in named envelopes as it really is a big help to us in the mornings. A supply of small brown envelopes are in the foyer should you need them

Graduation and End of Term Party

Our end of term party will take place on Tuesday 24th July from 11am. **There will be no preschool session on that day**, but everyone is welcome to join us to say goodbye to the children going off to big school and celebrate the year we have had. Hot dogs and ice cream usually follow a short graduation ceremony so please come and join the fun.

Children's Belongings

As you are all aware we are very full on all days at preschool with 24 children attending each day. With this in mind please, please could we ask that you check that all your child's belongings that they bring to school, are named. We know that many of you do this anyway but some labels are written on and these fade over time making them sometimes hard to read. This would help us greatly at the end of each day when we try to match items to children. If your child has mislaid anything there is a pink bucket in the foyer where lost property gets put, so please check regularly. Thank you for your help.

Stay & Play sessions

Stay and Play sessions continue on Thursday's at the Village Hall. All sessions are open to anyone who has a child/children aged 0 - 5 years and run from 9.30am to 11am, and normally cost £2.50 per family of up to two children, any additional children at 50p.

Come and join us, invite your friends.

The last session this term will be on **Thursday 19th July.**

Tapestry

Please note that to access Tapestry you will now need to use the following: www.tapestryjournal.com.

Website

Take a look at our website www.beetley-preschool.org. Our aim is to update it half termly

with photos and posts showing what we've been up to.

Fundraising

Online shopping

Do you like to shop on line? If so you could help raise money for the preschool every time you shop. You can do so by either using "giveasyoulive.com" or "easyfundraising.co.uk". Follow the links below to register your support and a percentage of what you spend will be donated to the pre-school. www.giveasyoulive.com/join/beetleypreschool or www.easyfundraising.org.uk. Thank you.

100 club

The winners of the May 100 club draw are:

1st Prize – No. 35 – J Douglas

2nd Prize – No. 25 – D Wheeler

3rd Prize – No.12 – D Calvert

And the June winners are:

1st Prize – No. 4 – L Calvert

2nd Prize – No. 26 – A Mear

3rd Prize – No.35 – Y Elmar

If you would like to join and have a chance to win please ask a member of staff.

QUIZ NIGHT

**Is your team Good enough to take the top Prizes,
or will it be the Smarties?**



- Ten rounds of questions & a Roller
- Fish and Chip Supper included
- Bring your own liquid refreshment
- Prizes for winners
- Raffle
- A Great evening

ST.MARYS SCHOOL BEETLEY
7.30pm Friday 15th of June

To register your team

Contact

01362 860860

Or Outside School Hours

01362 860728

**£8 per Person
With Food
Teams of up to
Five Persons**

Thank you.

New Build

Due to lack of space we are unable to offer more sessions for children aged 2 and full days for preschool children 5 days a week, with these two factors in mind and the fact that we are having to turn families away, we have been looking in to getting a bigger building. As you can imagine this is a long process with lots of things to consider. There is a small stirring group lead by Donna Chessum to try and drive the project forward. So far we have been in discussions with Beetley Parish council, who have in principle agreed to us having a building located on the field by the school car park on Fakenham Road. We have had a company come and visit the site to give us an idea on how much it would cost us if we went with them to provide the building. What we need to do now, find a solicitor to draw-up a lease agreement between us and the parish council, get more quotes from other companies, get plans drawn-up and raise funds to be able to pay for the project. This is a long slow process but fingers crossed we will be able to achieve our dream. If you have any questions or you know of any professionals that may be able to help, please speak to Di Calvert.

Collection Password

Please remember, if you need your child to be collected by someone new, this could be due to some unforeseen circumstance, an emergency or may just be a new person you have added to your list of eligible people, you will be required to obtain a password from the staff. The new person collecting will need to know this password before we can release your child into their care. This password will change on a regular basis.

Parking

This even more of an issue at the moment with the road works taking place. To keep all the children safe and **please ensure that you avoid parking in the horseshoe, on the zig-zag lines at the corner of the horseshoe or on the rectangular areas marked out on Elmham Road. The horseshoe needs to be left clear for emergency services and coaches when they drop off and pick-up children from school and the red rectangles are meant to be a safe crossing space for children.**

Also it has been brought to our attention **that some younger children are being left in the cars** when older children are being dropped off, if you are unable to bring them in please ring the preschool or ask another parent to ask us when they come in, and we will come out and collect your child.

Facebook

We do have a Facebook page, so please look us up and like our page. We will use the page to share information on what we are doing, suggestions for things you can do at home with your children and links to useful websites.

NO NUTS

We have had a few children recently come in with food in their lunch boxes that contain nuts. We would like to remind you that we have a **NO NUT** policy in place. Can you please make sure when you are packing your child's lunch box that none of the food contains nuts.

Thank you for your support.

Illness

Please help us to reduce the spread of coughs, colds and sickness.

We have had a long bout of bugs, colds and coughs going around. If your child appears unwell before they come to preschool; you have given them Calpol; they have a green runny nose or they have been sick in the last 48 hours, they are not well enough to attend. Please keep them at home until they are better to avoid giving the illness to other children. Thank you.

If your children are going to be off could you please let us know either by ringing the Preschool on 01362 860860 or by email beetleypreschool@hotmail.com

Changed your contact details?

If you have changed your mobile or landline number, email address or moved house, please can you ensure that you have informed the preschool of these changes so that we can keep our records up to date. Thank you.

